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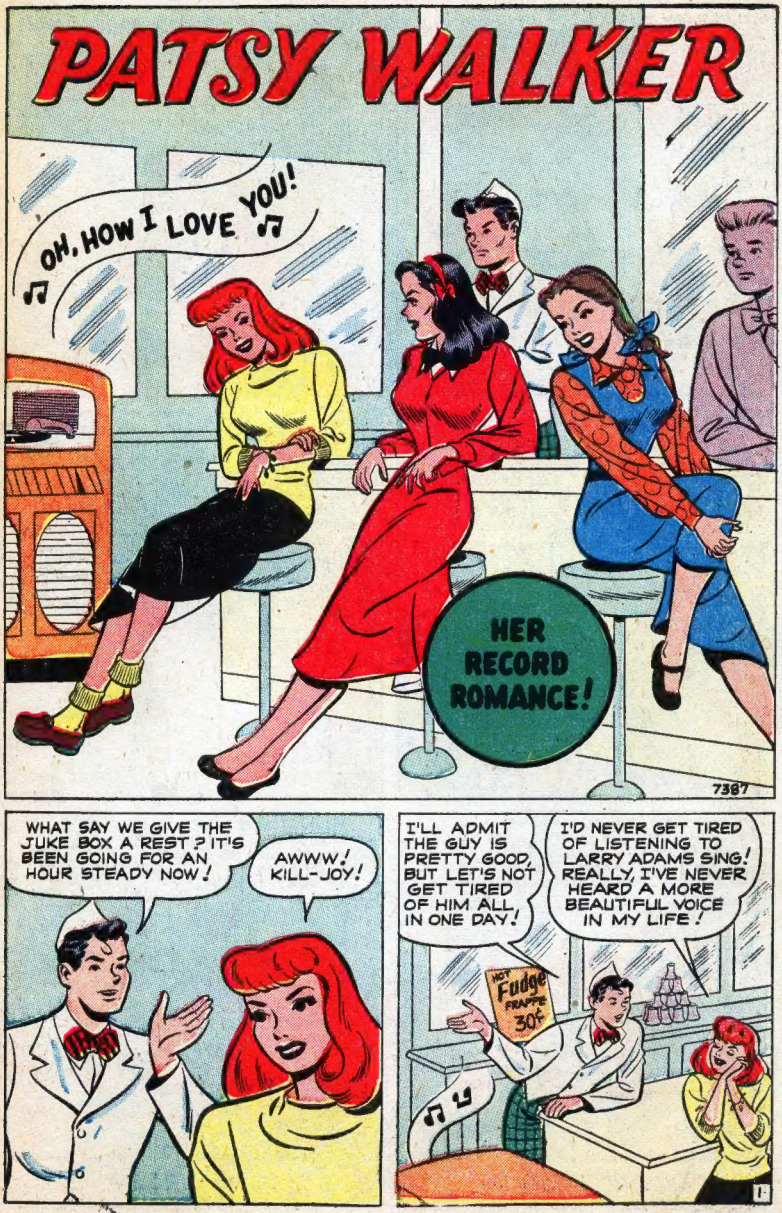
PATSY WALKER
OH, HOW I LOVE YOU!
HER RECORD ROMANCE!
7387
WHAT SAY WE GIVE THE JUKE BOX A REST? IT'S BEEN GOING FOR AN HOUR STEADY NOW!
AWWW! KILL-JOY!
I'LL ADMIT THE GUY IS PRETTY GOOD, BUT LET'S NOT GET TIRED OF HIM ALL IN ONE DAY!
I'D NEVER GET TIRED OF LISTENING TO LARRY ADAMS SING! REALLY, I'VE NEVER HEARD A MORE BEAUTIFUL VOICE IN MY LIFE!
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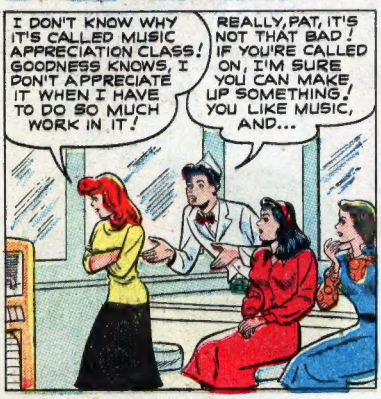
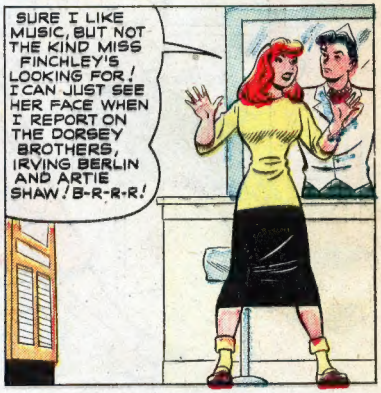
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, PATSY... LARRY'S RECORDS ARE JUST ABOUT THE SWEETEST MUSIC I'VE HEARD IN YEARS!
OH, BY THE WAY, SPEAKING OF MUSIC REMINDS ME OF THE MUSIC WE HAVE TO FACE TOMORROW IN MISS FINCHLEY'S CLASS!

YIPE! I FORGOT THAT! SHE'S GOING TO CALL ON ME TO GIVE EXAMPLES OF FAMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS CERTAIN ARTISTS HAVE MADE TO MUSIC... AND I'M COMPLETELY UNPREPARED!


I DON'T KNOW WHY IT'S CALLED MUSIC APPRECIATION CLASS! GOODNESS KNOWS, I DON'T APPRECIATE IT WHEN I HAVE TO DO SO MUCH WORK IN IT!
REALLY, PAT, IT'S NOT THAT BAD! IF YOU'RE CALLED ON, I'M SURE YOU CAN MAKE UP SOMETHING! YOU LIKE MUSIC, AND...


SURE I LIKE MUSIC, BUT NOT THE KIND MISS FINCHLEY'S LOOKING FOR! I CAN JUST SEE HER FACE WHEN I REPORT ON THE DORSEY BROTHERS, IRVING BERLIN AND ARTIE SHAW! B-R-R-R!

AND YOU KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF SHE FLUNKS ME! SHE'LL KEEP ME IN AFTER SCHOOL WHILE SHE EXPLAINS BEETHOVEN, BRAHMS AND BACH TO ME FOR HOURS!

I THINK I'D BETTER GO HOME AND DO A LITTLE READING ANYWAY... MAYBE I CAN PICK UP ENOUGH TO BLUFF MY WAY THROUGH!
I'LL GO WITH YOU, PAT!

WE'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW MORNING IN SCHOOL, KIDS!
OKAY, PAT! 'BYE NOW!

POOR KID... SHE'S REALLY WORRIED! I'D LIKE TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP HER!
OH, IT'S NOT AS BAD AS ALL THAT! BUT FORGET HER A MINUTE AND THINK ABOUT SOMETHING PLEASANT! THERE'S GOING TO BE A SWELL MATINEE AT THE BIJOU TOMORROW!

WE COULD JUST ABOUT MAKE IT RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL!
GEE, HEDY, I'M SORRY, BUT THAT'S WHAT PATSY AND I WERE PLANNING TO DO! IN FACT, THAT'S THE REASON SHE'S SO WORRIED ABOUT FLUNKING THE MUSIC CLASS!

OH, I SEE!
HMPH! SO THAT'S THE SCORE! IF I CAN MAKE SURE PATSY FLUNKS, I'M SET! SHE PROBABLY WILL ANYWAY, BUT I'D LIKE TO MAKE SURE!... I MUST THINK!

(IDEA!) I'VE GOT IT, BUZZ! PATSY'S CRAZY ABOUT LARRY ADAMS... RIGHT? OKAY, SO YOU GIVE HER A PRESENT OF A LARGE LARRY ADAMS ALBUM AND TELL HER TO MAKE HER REPORT ON HOW POPULAR MUSIC INFLUENCES US TODAY! IT MIGHT WORK... AT LEAST IT'S WORTH A TRY!

I THINK THAT'S A SWELL IDEA, HEDY... I'LL SURPRISE HER WITH IT TOMORROW! SHE CERTAINLY CAN'T LOSE ANYTHING!
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LATER...
NOW TO FIND SOME OF THOSE REAL JUNKY OLD RECORDS THAT WE STORED DOWN HERE IN THE BASEMENT YEARS AGO!
AHH! HERE THEY ARE! WHEW, I'LL BET THESE ARE REAL CORN... AN ORCHESTRAL NUMBER PROBABLY SOUNDS LIKE A BUNCH OF BAGPIPES ON THESE OLD MISSHAPEN PLATTERS! HA! JUST WHAT I NEED TO FIX LITTLE PATSY!
NEXT MORNING...
GOSH, I DREAD GOING TO SCHOOL TODAY! THAT MUSIC CLASS HAS REALLY GOT ME WORRIED... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!
WELL, MAYBE SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN... LIKE A FIRE DRILL... AND YOU'LL BE SAVED BY THE BELL!
PATSY, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! JUST WAIT'LL YOU HEAR THE SURPRISE I'VE GOT FOR YOU!
SURPRISE?
607
MUSIC ROOM
605
BUZZ EXPLAINS...
...AND HERE'S THE LARRY ADAMS ALBUM! EVEN IF YOU DON'T MAKE A HIT WITH MISS FINCHLEY, YOU'LL STILL HAVE AN ALBUM OF YOUR FAVORITE MUSIC!
BUZZ, YOU'RE SWEET TO WORRY ABOUT ME THIS MUCH!
LARRY ADAMS
...AND I WILL TRY TO GET MISS FINCHLEY TO PLAY THESE WHILE I MAKE UP SOME SORT OF LECTURE ON MODERN MUSIC!
607
MUSIC ROOM
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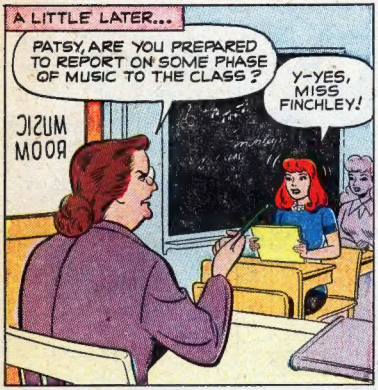
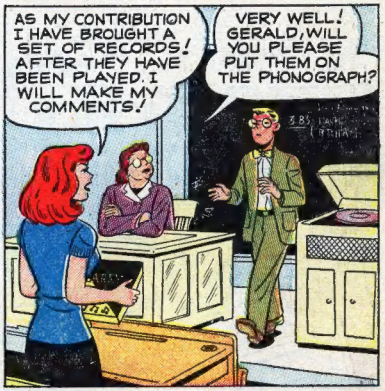
THERE'S PATSY WITH HER ALBUM! SHE'LL NEVER SUSPECT ANYTHING SINCE I'VE GOT MY OLD RECORDS IN A LARRY ADAMS ALBUM!
LARRY ADAMS

OOPS! HOW CLUMSY OF ME! I ALMOST BROKE MY ALBUM! NOW WHICH ONE IS MINE?
BY A STRANGE COINCIDENCE, HEDY, THEY'RE BOTH THE SAME, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH ONE YOU TAKE!
HMMM! YES,,, QUITE A COINCIDENCE!


A LITTLE LATER...
PATSY, ARE YOU PREPARED TO REPORT ON SOME PHASE OF MUSIC TO THE CLASS?
Y-YES, MISS FINCHLEY!
MUSIC ROOM


AS MY CONTRIBUTION I HAVE BROUGHT A SET OF RECORDS! AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN PLAYED I WILL MAKE MY COMMENTS!
VERY WELL! GERALD, WILL YOU PLEASE PUT THEM ON THE PHONOGRAPH?

Vesta-La-Giuba
SCRATCH!
AWRK!
AWRK!

YIPE! I'M SUNK! WHAT KIND OF MUSIC IS THAT?!!
WHO KNOWS? IT'S SURELY NOT LARRY ADAMS! HOW COULD BUZZ PULL A TRICK LIKE THAT ON YOU?

AFTER THE LAST RECORD IS PLAYED...
PATSY WALKER, THOSE CARUSO RECORDS ARE WONDERFUL! YOUR CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN THE MOST INSPIRING WE'VE EVER HAD! ALSO, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THOSE RECORDS ARE COLLECTORS' ITEMS, AND WORTH A GOOD DEAL OF MONEY!
?!
OF ALL THE CRAZY WAYS FOR THIS TO TURN OUT! MY LUCK IS TERRIBLE!
WHY HEDY, I SEE YOU HAVE SOME RECORDS TOO! HOW DELIGHTFUL! GERALD WILL PLAY THEM FOR US NEXT!
HUH?? ER... UH, N-NO... THAT IS, I... I... I...
?
I LO-O-VE YOU, BA-A-A BY! AND I DON'T MEAN MA-A-YBE! HI-DE-BOO-DE-BOO-DE-BOOO!
SHUT IT OFF!... AFTER CARUSO, THIS IS TOO MUCH OF A SHOCK! IT'S EASY TO SEE, MISS WOLFE, THAT YOU NEED A FEW LESSONS AFTER SCHOOL IN MUSIC APPRECIATION!
OW!
LATER...
POOR HEDY! SHE REALLY GOT IT!
DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR HER! SHE DESERVES WHAT SHE GOT FOR PULLING THAT RECORD-SWITCHING STUNT!
NOW PLAYING
TICKETS
IN PERSON!
LARRY ADAMS
AND HIS BAND
THE END

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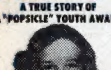

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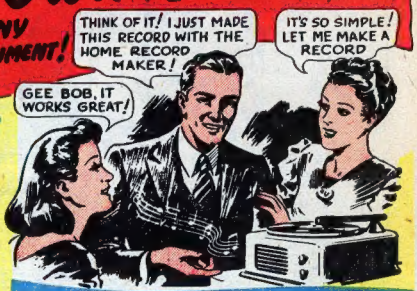

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ALL SET TO PAINT THE TOWN, CHICKEN?
BE WITH YOU IN HALF A MO', BEAU!
EVERYTHING HAPPENS TO POP!
-7248
JUST ONE MINUTE, PATSY! I'M SORRY, BUT I'LL HAVE TO CHANGE YOUR PLANS!
HUH?
THERE'S A LEAK IN ONE OF THE WATER PIPES AND THE PLUMBER WILL BE HERE TONIGHT! I'VE GOT TO GO OUT ON BUSINESS SO YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY HOME TO LET THE PLUMBER IN!
BUT, DADDY, BUZZ AND I WERE GOING OUT AND...

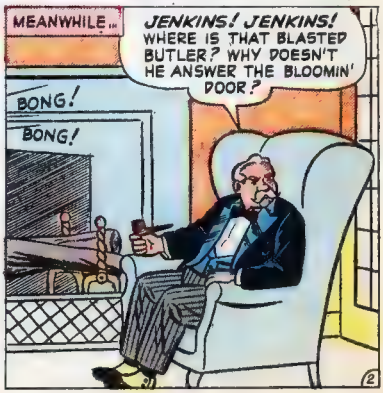
WERE GOING IS RIGHT! BUT NOW YOU'RE STAYING IN!
I DON'T THINK THAT'S VERY FUNNY! BESIDES, I SEE NO REASON WHY YOU CAN'T MAKE YOUR OLD BUSINESS DEAL FOR SOME OTHER TIME!

THAT'S ENOUGH, YOUNG LADY! THIS BUSINESS APPOINTMENT HAPPENS TO BE WITH J. P. BUCKWORTH! IF I CAN GET HIM AS A CLIENT, WE'LL BE ON EASY STREET!

HE ONLY LIVES TWO BLOCKS FROM HERE! SO YOU CAN EASILY REACH ME IN CASE OF EMERGENCY-- BUT ONLY INTERRUPT ME IN CASE OF A REAL EMERGENCY!
AWWW, ALL RIGHT! G'NIGHT!

WHAT A DARK DEAL! NOW WE HAVE TO SPEND ANOTHER DULL EVENING AT HOME!
YEP! I SURE DID FEEL LIKE GOING DOWNTOWN FOR A CHANGE!

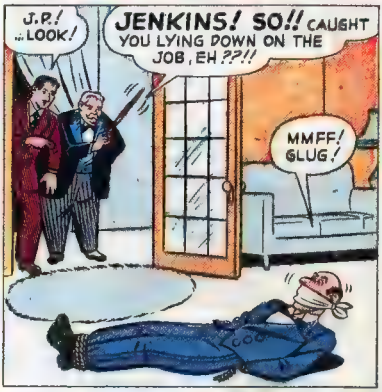
MAYBE THE PLUMBER WILL GET HERE EARLY ENOUGH FOR US TO TAKE OFF!
SAY, THAT COULD BE! UNTIL HE COMES, LET'S PLAY SOME HOT PLATTERS!


MEANWHILE...
JENKINS! JENKINS! WHERE IS THAT BLASTED BUTLER? WHY DOESN'T HE ANSWER THE BLOOMIN' DOOR?
BONG!
BONG!

BONG!
GRRR! I'LL HAVE TO ANSWER THE BLINKIN' THING MYSELF!

WELL, WHAT DO YOU WANT?!! OH, IT'S YOU, WALKER! WELL, COME IN!
THANK YOU, J.P.!
UH-OH! WITH THE MOOD HE'S IN, I'LL HAVE A TOUGH TIME TONIGHT!

DROP YOUR HAT ANYWHERE, WALKER! CAN'T FIND MY BLINKIN' BUTLER... REMIND ME TO FIRE HIM AGAIN! LET'S GO IN THE LIBRARY WHERE WE CAN TALK!
YES, SIR!
YES, SIR!
YES, SIR!


J.P.! ...LOOK!
JENKINS! SO!! CAUGHT YOU LYING DOWN ON THE JOB, EH??!!
MMFF! GLUG!

I SAY, HE'S ALL BOUND AND GAGGED!
RIGHT! AND THERE GOES THE CROOK! C'MON! AFTER HIM!!

HELP! POLICE!
C'MON, FEET! MAKE TRACKS!

I CAN'T OUTRUN 'EM, SO MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO OUTSMART 'EM!
(PUFF,/ PUFF,/) I'LL HIDE HERE TILL THEY... (PUFF!) PASS BY!
WALKER
YIPE!
HURRY! COME IN... THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!
ER... I KNOW IT! BUT WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS FOR ME?
BECAUSE WE WANT TO LEAVE AS SOON AS YOU FINISH HERE! SAY, YOU'RE DRESSED MIGHTY FUNNY FOR A PLUMBER! THAT MASK...??
PLUMBER??, OH, YES! PLUMBER... THAT'S WHAT I AM! THE MASK? OH, YES! THAT'S TO KEEP WATER FROM SQUIRTING INTO MY EYES! I'M, ER... AH... ALLERGIC! HEH!
HUH? A PLUMBER ALLERGIC TO WATER? OH WELL, COME DOWN TO THE BASEMENT AND GET TO WORK!
YES, MA'AM!
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QUICK! HE MUST'VE GONE AROUND THAT CORNER!
RIGHT! STOP, THIEF! HALT!
HALT! THIEF! HALP!
?
WHAT'S ALL THE EXCITEMENT, OFFICER DOYLE?
SOMEBODY'S CHASIN' A BURGLAR...SEEMS HE ROBBED A WEALTHY HOME NEARBY! KEEP A SHARP EYE PEELED, LAD!
YOU BET! IF I SPOT THE CULPRIT, I'LL GIVE HIM THE WORKS!
THANKS, BUZZ! BUT DON'T EXPOSE YOURSELF TO DANGER! BE SEEIN' YA, LAD!
HMMM...THE LIGHTS ARE ON, BUT NO ANSWER! I'LL LOOK IN THE WINDOW AND SEE IF ANYONE'S HOME!
AHA! IT'S HIM! NO MISTAKE--HE'S GOT HIS BURGLAR KIT WITH HIM! WELL, HE WON'T BURGLE THIS HOUSE--NOT WITH CENTERVILLE HIGH'S STAR TACKLE, BUZZ BAXTER, AROUND!
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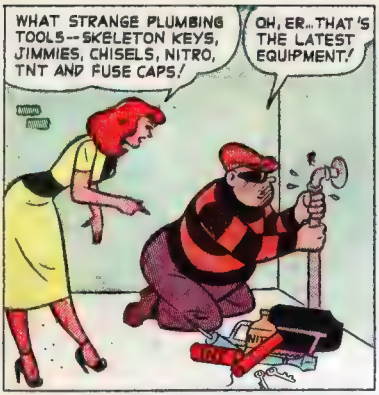
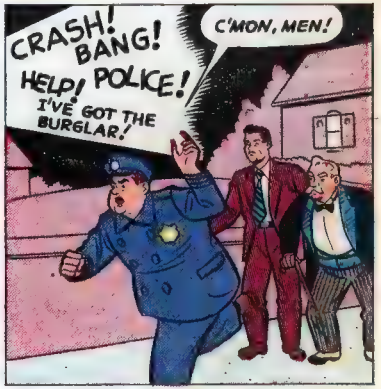

WHAT STRANGE PLUMBING TOOLS--SKELETON KEYS, JIMMIES, CHISELS, NITRO, TNT AND FUSE CAPS!
OH, ER... THAT'S THE LATEST EQUIPMENT!

HELP! POLICE! I'VE GOT HIM!
?
?

YOU YOUNG FOOL! HELP! POLICE!
GOTCHA, YOU CROOK! HELP! POLICE!
CRASH!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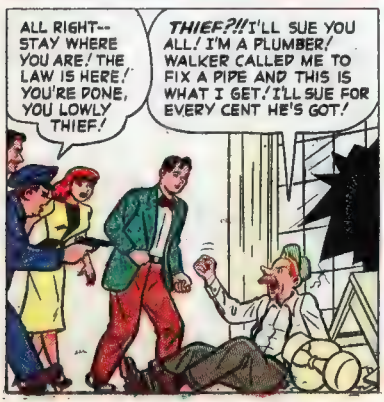
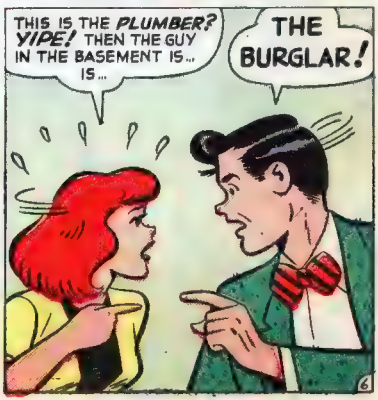
C'MON, MEN!


ALL RIGHT-- STAY WHERE YOU ARE! THE LAW IS HERE! YOU'RE DONE, YOU LOWLY THIEF!
THIEF?!! I'LL SUE YOU ALL! I'M A PLUMBER! WALKER CALLED ME TO FIX A PIPE AND THIS IS WHAT I GET! I'LL SUE FOR EVERY CENT HE'S GOT!


THIS IS THE PLUMBER? YIPE! THEN THE GUY IN THE BASEMENT IS...
THE BURGLAR!

C'MON! WE'VE GOT HIM TRAPPED!
IDIOTS! FOOLS! A PERSON'S LIFE ISN'T SAFE ANYMORE IN THIS CRAZY WORLD!
?
SPLASH!
BLUB, GLUG!
GUGGLE!
SPUTTER, SPUTTER!
BLUBB!
GRRR! I'M SO MAD I COULD EAT NAILS! GRRR!
HA, HA, HA! FUNNIEST GETAWAY I EVER MADE! HO, HO! HA, HA, HA!
SO YOU THINK IT'S ALL VERY FUNNY, EH? WELL, LAUGH THAT OFF!
KLUNK!

ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY--FULL OF COMEDIANS!
HEY, EVERYBODY! LOOK! THE BURGLAR IS OUTSIDE...SLEEPING!
CERTAINLY HAS BEEN A HECTIC NIGHT, EH, WALKER?
AND HOW! MY BASEMENT DESTROYED, PLUMBING SHOT, FRONT WINDOW SMASHED, CLOTHES RUINED AND YOU WERE ROBBED!
AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE ROBBER DIDN'T GET ANYTHING, SO I CAN'T COMPLAIN!
HUH? YOU MEAN ALL THIS WAS FOR NOTHER... WELL, I'M GLAD YOU WEREN'T ROBBED, J.P.! NOW WE CAN DISCUSS THAT CONTRACT WITHOUT ANYTHING TO KEEP YOUR MIND OFF IT!
OH, BUT MY MIND IS OFF IT! YOU SEE, I GAVE THAT CONTRACT TO YOUR COMPETITOR YESTERDAY!
WHAT?!!
HELP!! I CAN'T SWIM!
THE END
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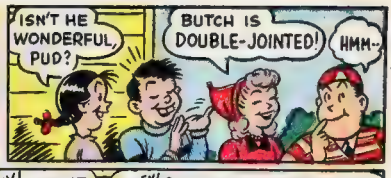

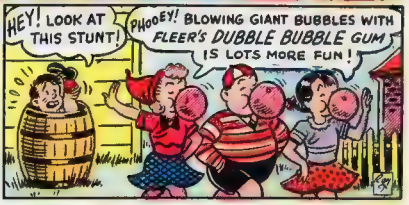

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Henry Adams had been rushed to Gilmore to substitute for Mr. Crews, our former Spanish instructor who was ill and forced to retire for the semester. Luckily Mr. Crews had graciously overlooked many of my faults. And looking at that high forehead, those bright blue eyes, and that firm mouth, I knew immediately that Mr. Adams wouldn't be as considerate.

There was no denying that three-fourths of the girls at school suddenly had a yen for taking Spanish as soon as they caught sight of "Handsome Henry," as he was later tagged, but that was their mistake, not mine. I knew that a young handsome instructor, who was called in to substitute, would keep a firm upper lip and a stern hand. I felt that I would like to bow out of the picture gracefully.

The first day in Spanish class, Mr. Adams and I met. He called on me to translate the lesson I had postponed in order to have a late date with Tony Carlotte, our star football player. I stumbled so miserably through the lesson that even Mr. Adams was forced to wipe his troubled forehead with his handkerchief and suggest that I remain after class for a brief review.

I can't say that I was pleased with my performance, but I didn't like missing a date with Tony either. Mr. Crews had always been *so* understanding.

Mr. Adams was kind to help me with a few misleading verbs, and I feigned interest so that I managed to receive a faint smile for my efforts from Henry—a rare privilege, I felt sure.

The days that followed confirmed my belief that this Spanish course would be as much as a Waterloo for me as it would be for a freshman in high school. There was a decision that I had to make—between Spanish and Tony, and I found Tony so much more interesting. Everyday I took a beating from Henry who was determined to make a linguist out of me or die trying. Why must all young instructors take their job so seriously. I asked myself, but the answers didn't satisfy anyone— except me.

Toward the last of the semester, Henry asked to see me after class so I remained in my chair until everyone had left.

"You are interested in passing this course, aren't you?" he asked.

"Of course, Mr. Adams," I said. "I must pass this course or lose a few valuable credits I need to graduate."

"Then I'd advise you, Miss Bellemy, to take your Spanish book home with you every night and tell Tony Carlotte to arrange his dates for the weekends."

I was surprised that he knew about Tony and me, but then I suppose it was common gossip around the campus that I was wearing his fraternity pin. Mr. Crews had made the same suggestions on several occasions. But I had discovered a weakness in Mr. Crews that I had found in most men: they could be lenient when you lowered your eyelids and fluttered your lashes a few times. Now was the time to look deep into Henry's blue eyes and make a solemn promise that I'd never deviate from the righteous path again. It had worked with Crews, why not with Adams?

"Mr. Adams," I started fluttering my eyelashes and acting demure, "I appreciate the interest you've taken in me, *really* I do!" Then I looked serious. "I can only give you my promise that I shall endeavor to improve my grades in the future." I lowered my head a moment and then I looked up. Henry's handsome face became a large smile that was slowly turning into a grin.

I was furious! So it had been a corny act. Still there was no reason for Henry to humiliate me with such a decided look of amusement. He laughed. He actually laughed and I must say that he appeared more human than he had ever seemed.

"What's so funny?" I asked belligerently.

"You," he said, and then started laughing again.

When I walked out, he was still laughing and I had a new determination in life that had nothing to do with Tony Carlotte. I was going to pass Spanish—and with honors!

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SURE, DAD-- CHEF SALAD!

IT MEANS YOUR DAD IS GETTING POORER-- IT MEANS...
ER, AH-EXCUSE ME, DAD! THAT MUST BE JEFF!
RING!
OH, SHE'S A BEAUTY, ED! I GUESS I'M LUCKY TO HAVE A HONEY LIKE HER!
MY, HOW SWEET! JEFF SAYS THE NICEST THINGS!
HELLO JEFFIE
HI, JEANIE! I WAS JUST TELLING EDDIE ABOUT MY NEW FISHING ROD!
SO LONG, JEFF!
FISHING ROD? YOU WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT YOUR ROD!
SURE CAN'T WAIT TO TRY IT OUT! C'MON, DATE BAIT, START HOPPIN'! WE'VE GOT A DATE WITH SOME POOR FISH!
SAY, THAT'S AN IDEA! THERES AN OLD POLE IN THE ATTIC!
OH, BOY! FISH FOR DINNER! HERE'S MY CHANCE TO SAVE POP MONEY FOR A CHANGE! WILL HE BE SURPRISED!
OH, JEFF, STOP TALKING AND LET'S FISH! YOU'RE MAKING IT SOUND DIFFICULT WHEN IT'S REALLY SO SIMPLE!
NOW LET ME TELL YOU JUST WHAT TO DO...
POLARIS
OKAY! OKAY! I GUESS YOU WON'T DO MUCH WITH THAT OLD POLE ANYWAY!
I'M SURE THE FISH WON'T BE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT I'M USING FOR A FISHING POLE! IT'S THE BAIT THAT COUNTS!

OKAY, HAVE IT YOUR WAY! SO I'VE GOT REAL PROFESSIONAL LURES! ALL YOU GOT IS A HOOK AND A WORM!
WELL, ALL I HOPE IS THAT I CATCH AT LEAST ONE FISH!
?
?
?
ZOOK OOKZ KOOZ OOZK ZOOK
OOPS! GOT HIM!
THAT'S SWELL, JEANIE, NOW THAT YOU CAUGHT THAT LUCKY ONE YOU WON'T FEEL YOUR DAY WAS WASTED!
JEFF, I GOT ANOTHER! FEELS LIKE A BIG ONE!
ANOTHER LUCKY CATCH! BUT I'M SURE THAT THE REST ARE MINE!
ONE HOUR LATER...
GOLLY, ANOTHER LUCKY CATCH! GEE, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THIS WAS GOING TO BE SO MUCH FUN?
BELIEVE ME... I DIDN'T KNOW!
POLARIS

GOSH, JEFF! I'M SORRY THE FISH SEEM TO PREFER MY HOOK AND WORM TO YOUR FANCY TACKLE! I GUESS THEY'RE OLD-FASHIONED!
OH, WELL! WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT OF STUPID FISH! THEY JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR THEM!
YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS!
SAY, NICE CATCH Y'GOT THAR, SONNY?
152 TO BE EXACT AND THEY'RE NOT MINE! MISS JEANIE JOHNSON HERE CAUGHT EVERY SINGLE ONE!
OH, JEFF! I'M SORRY I SAID YOU WERE JEALOUS! I CAN SEE HOW PROUD YOU ARE OF ME!
YOU'RE A DEAR!
WELL--!! MY LUCK HAS CHANGED AT LAST!
SMUCH!
NEXT DAY...
AND JUST THINK, DAD... EVERY TIME WE EAT FISH WE'RE SAVING MONEY!
OH YEAH!!? LOOK WHAT JUST CAME IN THE MAIL...
4
...A $50 FINE?? B-BUT JEANIE-- HOW WAS I TO KNOW HE WAS A GAME WARDEN?? -- JEANIE-- JEANIE--JEANIE COME BACK?!?
THE END

PATSY WALKER
NEW CAR-OLD LINE!
WOW! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
YOU BET! HE'S A DREAM!
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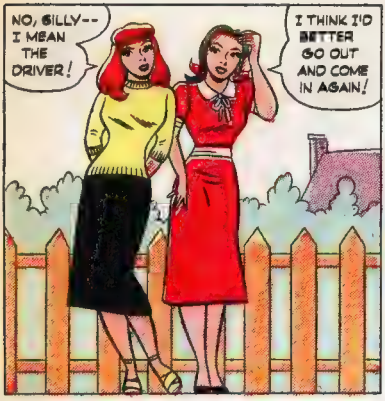
WHO CARES! LOOK AT THAT CONVERTIBLE!
HUH?
THIS I MUST MEET!
YOU MEAN THE CONVERTIBLE?


NO, SILLY-- I MEAN THE DRIVER!
I THINK I'D BETTER GO OUT AND COME IN AGAIN!

OOPS!... OH, I'M TERRIBLY SORRY!
BOP!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT! I SHOULDN'T LEAVE IT OUT THERE ANYWAY!
THAT'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CAR I'VE EVER SEEN!

YES, IT IS A HONEY!
I'LL BET IT'S LIKE FLOATING ON A CLOUD! I CAN JUST PICTURE A MOONLIGHT DRIVE IN THAT!

YOU LIKE MOONLIGHT DRIVING IN A CONVERTIBLE ?
I THINK I LIKE NOTHING BETTER! BUT (SIGH!) I DON'T HAVE A CAR MYSELF, AND...

WELL, HOW ABOUT JOINING ME THIS EVENING? MY NAME'S PETE!
I'D LOVE TO, PETE! I'M PATSY AND THIS IS MY GIRL FRIEND, NANCY!
HI!

223 ROGERS STREET! SWELL! I'LL PICK YOU UP AT EIGHT!
SWELL! 'BYE NOW, PETE!

I HATE TO BE A DAMP QUILT, BUT DON'T YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE A DATE WITH BUZZ TONIGHT?
YIPE! I FORGOT!

OH, SURE! THAT SHINY JET JOB DAZZLED YOUR MEMORY!
NOW LOOK, NANCY-- YOU KNOW VERY WELL I DIDN'T FORGET ON PURPOSE!

IF YOU SAY SO! BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T PROVE ANYTHING! HOW'LL YOU KEEP TWO DATES?
HMMM... THAT IS A PROBLEM!

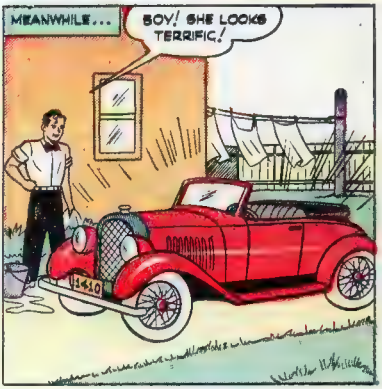
I'VE GOT IT! I'LL CALL BUZZ AND TELL HIM I'M HAVING A HEADACHE TONIGHT!
SHEER GENIUS! HOW DID YOU THINK OF SUCH A NEW EXCUSE!

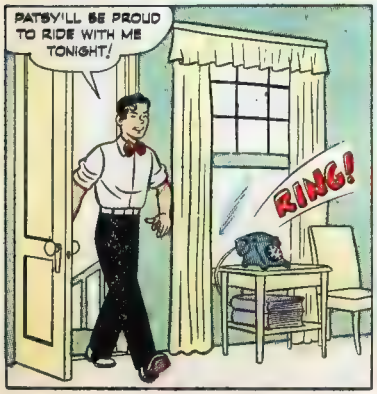
OH, STOP BEING SO SNIPPY, MISS BROWN! I'VE GOT TO DO IT!
I STILL THINK IT'S A DIRTY TRICK ON BUZZ!

AFTER ALL, DID YOU EVER THINK OF BREAKING YOUR DATE WITH THE CONVERTIBLE, INSTEAD?
YOU MAKE IT SOUND AS IF I WERE TOSSING BUZZ OVER FOR A CAR!

WELL, AREN'T YOU?
NO!! I'M SIMPLY...THAT IS... I...UH...OH, WHAT'S THE USE! I'LL SEE YOU LATER!

I HATE TO BE AN OLD "I TOLD YOU SO!" BUT I HAVE A HUNCH THIS KIND OF FINAGLING IS GOING TO PUT YOU BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL IN THE LONG RUN!
'BYE!


MEANWHILE...
BOY! SHE LOOKS TERRIFIC!


PATSY'LL BE PROUD TO RIDE WITH ME TONIGHT!
RING!

HELLO? OH, HI, PATSY! WAIT'LL YOU SEE...
PLEASE, BUZZ, I CAN'T TALK LONG! I'VE GOT A SPLITTING HEADACHE!

AND I'M SORRY, BUT I'LL HAVE TO CALL OFF OUR DATE!
SEE, THAT'S TOO BAD, PATSY! WELL... HOPE YOU FEEL BETTER TOMORROW!
GUESS I'LL GO TO A MOVIE! I'M SURE DISAPPOINTED, BUT I CAN'T BLAME ANYONE!
DRY NING
?
NANCY, WHO WAS THAT DREAM BEAM WE SAW YOU AND PATSY TALKING TO BEFORE?
OH, SOME GUY PATSY'S GOING OUT WITH TONIGHT!
WOW! LUCKY LASS! THAT CONVERTIBLE WAS THE SNAZZIEST I'VE EVER SEEN!
SO THAT'S IT! HEADACHE, EH? I NEVER THOUGHT SHE'D PULL A TRICK LIKE THAT!
...BUT I'M NOT GOING TO A MOVIE ALONE! I'LL GET A DATE AND GO FOR A MOONLIGHT DRIVE! I'LL PHONE MYRNA!
DRUGS
WHIZ
TOOTH PASTE

MEANWHILE...
IT'S HE!
HONK!
HONK!

HI, PATSY!
COME IN, PETE! I'LL BE READY IN A SEC.!

I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO RIDE IN THAT DREAMY CAR OF YOURS!
IT'S NOT DREAMY, BUT I'M SURE GLAD I'LL HAVE A GAL WITH ME WHO IS!

HOW CAN YOU EVEN COMPARE PLAIN OLD ME TO THAT GORGEOUS, SNAZZY, BEAUTIFUL ROADSTER!
HUH?

OH...HA! HA! I GET IT! YOU THINK THAT CAR I WAS POLISHING IS MINE! HA! HA!
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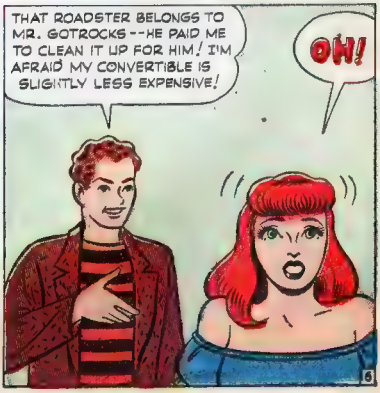
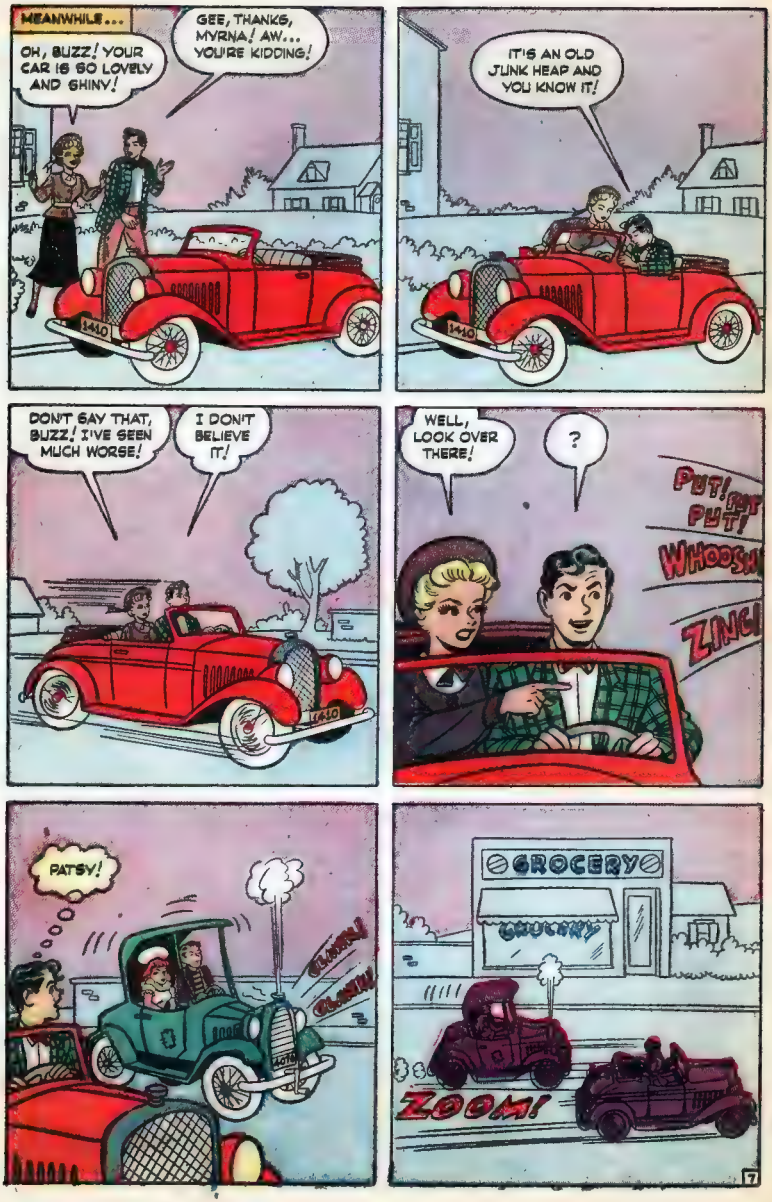

THAT ROADSTER BELONGS TO MR. GOTROCKS--HE PAID ME TO CLEAN IT UP FOR HIM! I'M AFRAID MY CONVERTIBLE IS SLIGHTLY LESS EXPENSIVE!
OH!


MEANWHILE...
OH, BUZZ! YOUR CAR IS SO LOVELY AND SHINY!
GEE, THANKS, MYRNA! AW... YOU'RE KIDDING!
IT'S AN OLD JUNK HEAP AND YOU KNOW IT!
DON'T SAY THAT, BUZZ! I'VE SEEN MUCH WORSE!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
WELL, LOOK OVER THERE!
?
PUT! PUT! PUT!
WHOOSH
ZING!
PATSY!
CLANK!
CLANK!
GROCERY
GROCERY
ZOOM!
7

OH! OH! I'M AFRAID WE'RE OUT OF GAS!
WHAT? OH, NO...YOU DON'T PULL THAT OLD GAG ON ME!
BUT...BUT...
NEVER MIND, YOU WOLF! I'M WALKING!
SWISH!
I LEARNED MY LESSON! GOLLY, I WONDER IF BUZZ WILL EVER FORGIVE ME!
BUZZ!
PATSY!
1410
WHERE'S MYRNA?
MY CAR RAN OUT OF GAS AND SHE DECIDED TO WALK HOME!
CARS, PHOOEY!
DITTO! ANYWAY, MOONLIGHT WALKS ARE MUCH NICER!
THE END

I began that night by stopping in the library and selecting as many additional Spanish grammar books as I could carry. That night I studied until I fell asleep at my desk. I was careful to prepare my lesson that night so that when I walked into Henry's class, I felt more confident of myself. When he did call on me to translate, I showed an improvement, although it was impossible to become perfect in one night. When I finished, he smiled. I couldn't tell whether it was because of an improvement or because he remembered my behavior the previous afternoon.

I continued to work late at night on my Spanish for a week, even though my telephone was kept busy with Tony's pleas for company. He was even arriving at the point of threatening me if I didn't spend more time with him. I knew two girls in my dormitory who were biding their time until they could corner Tony for themselves. The thought wasn't pleasing, but I now had to show Henry that I didn't need to flutter my eyelashes to pass *his* course.

One afternoon I was walking across campus with my Spanish book in my hand, reviewing a couple of lessons, when I felt someone at my side. I turned to face Henry, looking debonaire in English tweeds and a heavy brown pipe between his lips.

"Spanish again, Miss Bellemy?" he asked. "I haven't seen you without your Spanish book for two weeks."

"I'm flattered, Mr. Adams," I said with a deliberate smile. "I didn't realize you kept such a close watch on me."

With that Mr. Henry R. Adams turned a deep red and walked rapidly out of sight. I didn't have time to think about his abrupt exit because Tony Carlotte was standing at my side with a look that meant he wasn't in his best humor.

"So," he said, "that's the reason for the sudden interest in Spanish. *You've* fallen for for that guy too!"

Before I had a chance to explain he asked me for his fraternity pin. I quickly took it off and placed it in his hand with a final word that it was good riddance. I suppose I had wanted to say that to Tony for

a long time, but the glamour of the football team had woven a magic spell that I couldn't resist. Now I was glad it was over. After all, I said to myself, Tonys come and go, but Spanish goes on forever!

The next day in Spanish class we had an examination, and this time I was completely prepared. I knew I couldn't miss! I breezed through the exam, placed it on Henry's desk, and turned to go.

"Miss Bellemy," he said, "May I see you after class?"

"Of course, Mr. Adams," I said and went out into the hall for a breath of air while the rest of the class finished the test.

After everyone had left, I went back into the classroom to face Henry. He pulled at his collar slightly and then straightened up.

"Miss Bellemy," he said, "I hope that I haven't been too hard on you this last semester. I see that you aren't wearing the fraternity pin any longer."

"No, Mr. Adams. And incidentally I've enjoyed this semester. I think you are an excellent instructor—the pin wasn't important anyhow."

I had meant to sound flippant, but the words came out of my mouth sincerely, I actually believed what I said, and I knew that Henry believed it, too.

"I looked over your paper, and it was the best that I've seen yet. It makes me a bit ashamed of the way I laughed at you that afternoon."

Henry and I stood there looking at each other and apologizing for everything we had done and said that might have been offensive. It was as if we wanted to make a clean sweep and begin again.

And that is exactly what happened. Henry said he'd like to make amends, and I said I wanted to make amends, too. We decided to have dinner together that night and talk it over. When I started to leave for home to dress for dinner, Henry held my hand for a moment. I had a new tingling sensation that I had never felt before causing my eyelids to lower for a moment and my eyelashes to flutter. Maybe the reaction just depends on the right man. This time Henry didn't laugh. Why he hardly even smiled!

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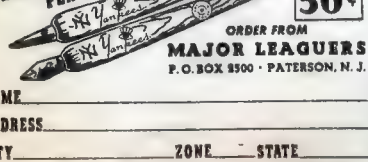

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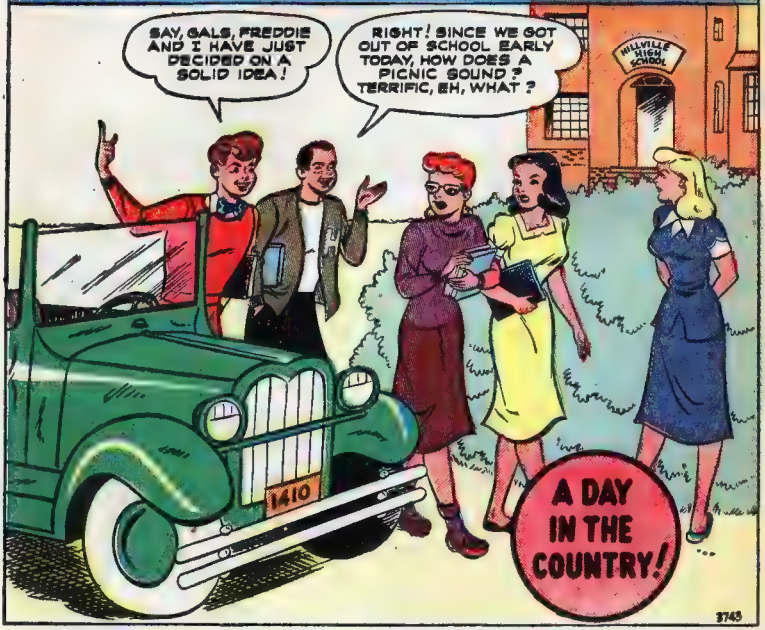
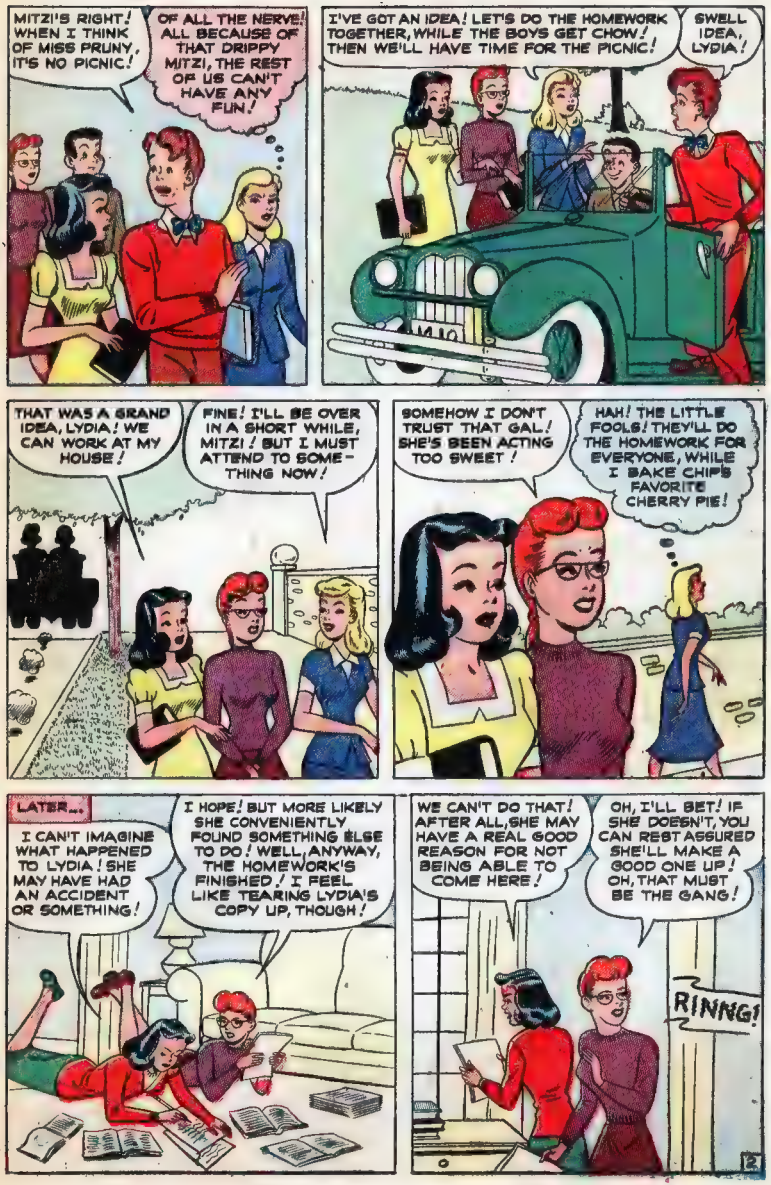

SAY, GALS, FREDDIE AND I HAVE JUST DECIDED ON A SOLID IDEA!
RIGHT! SINCE WE GOT OUT OF SCHOOL EARLY TODAY, HOW DOES A PICNIC SOUND? TERRIFIC, EH, WHAT?
HILLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
1410
A DAY IN THE COUNTRY!
3743

OH, I DON'T THINK WE'LL HAVE TIME, CHIP!
DON'T SAY WE, MITZI! I KNOW I'M READY TO GO RIGHT NOW! LET'S GO, CHIP DEAR!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MITZI? WHY WON'T WE HAVE TIME?
YOU KNOW VERY WELL WE'VE GOT A LOT OF MATH HOMEWORK AND I WOULDN'T CARE TO HAVE MISS PRUNY DOWN ON MY NECK!


MITZI'S RIGHT! WHEN I THINK OF MISS PRUNY, IT'S NO PICNIC!
OF ALL THE NERVE! ALL BECAUSE OF THAT DRIPPY MITZI, THE REST OF US CAN'T HAVE ANY FUN!
I'VE GOT AN IDEA! LET'S DO THE HOMEWORK TOGETHER, WHILE THE BOYS GET CHOW! THEN WE'LL HAVE TIME FOR THE PICNIC!
SWELL IDEA, LYDIA!
THAT WAS A GRAND IDEA, LYDIA! WE CAN WORK AT MY HOUSE!
FINE! I'LL BE OVER IN A SHORT WHILE, MITZI! BUT I MUST ATTEND TO SOME-THING NOW!
SOMEHOW I DON'T TRUST THAT GAL! SHE'S BEEN ACTING TOO SWEET!
HAH! THE LITTLE FOOLS! THEY'LL DO THE HOMEWORK FOR EVERYONE, WHILE I BAKE CHIP'S FAVORITE CHERRY PIE!
LATER...
I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT HAPPENED TO LYDIA! SHE MAY HAVE HAD AN ACCIDENT OR SOMETHING!
I HOPE! BUT MORE LIKELY SHE CONVENIENTLY FOUND SOMETHING ELSE TO DO! WELL, ANYWAY, THE HOMEWORK'S FINISHED! I FEEL LIKE TEARING LYDIA'S COPY UP, THOUGH!
WE CAN'T DO THAT! AFTER ALL, SHE MAY HAVE A REAL GOOD REASON FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO COME HERE!
OH, I'LL BET! IF SHE DOESN'T, YOU CAN REST ASSURED SHE'LL MAKE A GOOD ONE UP! OH, THAT MUST BE THE GANG!
RINNG!
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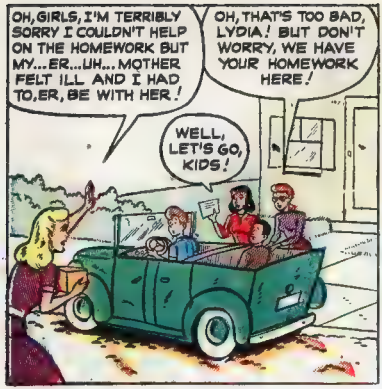
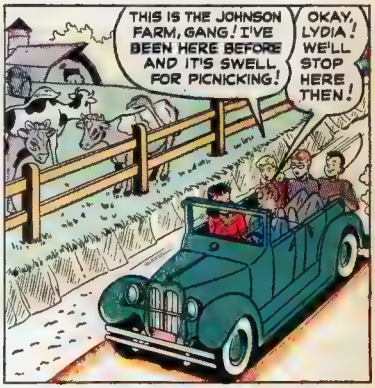
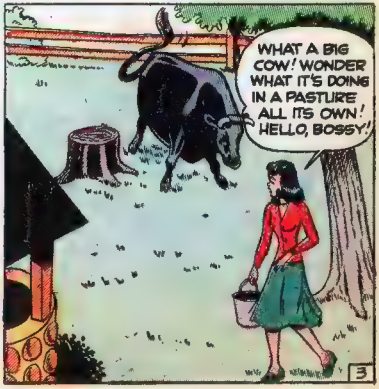

OH, GIRLS, I'M TERRIBLY SORRY I COULDN'T HELP ON THE HOMEWORK BUT MY...ER...UH... MOTHER FELT ILL AND I HAD TO, ER, BE WITH HER!
OH, THAT'S TOO BAD, LYDIA! BUT DON'T WORRY, WE HAVE YOUR HOMEWORK HERE!
WELL, LET'S GO, KIDS!


THIS IS THE JOHNSON FARM, GANG! I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE AND IT'S SWELL FOR PICNICKING!
OKAY, LYDIA! WE'LL STOP HERE THEN!

HMMM! WHAT'S THIS? A CHERRY PIE AND A CARD WHICH SAYS, "SWEETS FOR THE SWEET," SIGNED, LYDIA! I KNEW THAT SICK MOTHER ROUTINE WAS A PHONY!
WHY THAT LITTLE SNEAK!

I GUESS I'LL RUSTLE UP SOME WATER!
WITH ALL THE COWS AROUND HERE? DON'T BE SILLY! WE'LL HAVE FRESH MILK! LUCKILY, MILKING COWS IS ONE OF MY MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS!
HMMPH! LOOK AT HER TRYING TO IMPRESS CHIP!

IS THAT SO! WELL I HAPPEN TO BE ABLE TO MILK A COW, TOO!
WELL, ALL RIGHT, MITZI! THERE'S A COW OVER THERE WHICH GIVES GRADE "A" MILK!
HAH... THE POOR FOOL DOESN'T KNOW A BULL FROM A COW!


WHAT A BIG COW! WONDER WHAT IT'S DOING IN A PASTURE ALL ITS OWN! HELLO, BOSSY!

HEY! THAT'S NOT A COW--IT'S A BULL! I'LL BET LYDIA DID THIS ON PURPOSE!
HELP! HELP!
IT'S MITZI! SHE'S IN TROUBLE!
CHIP! SHE'S BEING CHASED BY A BULL!
WHEW! THAT RED SWEATER ALMOST RUINED YOU!
WELL, I'M SEEING RED NOW AND I'VE GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH A CERTAIN PARTY!
SPEAKING OF PARTY, CHIP IS GOING TO HAVE ONE RIGHT NOW! JUST WAIT'LL HE SEES WHAT LIL' OL' LYDIA HAS COOKED UP FOR HIM!
CHERRY PIE! YIPEE! MY FAVORITE!
GRRR...THIS IS THE LAST STRAW!
ULP!
HEY...!!
PLOP!

LOOK OUT!! THE BULL BROKE THROUGH!
YIPE -- AND I'M ALL COVERED WITH RED CHERRY PIE!
HELP!
THAT MUD SAVED YOUR LIFE, LYDIA! IT COVERED ALL THE RED CHERRY PIE AND THE BULL WALKED AWAY!
YOU'RE A LUCKY GIRL!
YEAH... (SOB) LUCKY!
WELL, EVERYTHING TURNED OUT ALL RIGHT AFTER ALL!
STOP GLOATING, YOU DRIP! YOU KNOW VERY WELL EVERYTHING TURNED OUT HORRIBLY!
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT, LYDIA! YOU PULLED ENOUGH NASTY TRICKS TO DESERVE MORE THAN YOU GOT! SO PARDON MY LAUGHTER! HA! HA!
HA! HA! RIGHT BACK AT YOU! I'VE GOT THE LAST LAUGH! DON'T FORGET I'VE GOT THE HOMEWORK YOU WERE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO DO FOR ME, RIGHT HERE IN MY POCKET!
NEXT DAY...
LYDIA, YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME AFTER SCHOOL FOR HANDING IN THIS MUD-COVERED PAPER WHICH YOU CLAIM IS HOMEWORK!
I GUESS MISS PRUNY COULDN'T SWALLOW THAT BULL STORY LYDIA TOLD HER!
AND NOW WHAT WAS SHE SAYING ABOUT HAVING THE LAST LAUGH! HA! HA!
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IT'S YOUR NICKEL, START TALKING! WHO? MRS. WOLFE! OH, I'M SORRY... ER... I DON'T MEAN I'M SORRY IT'S YOU, MRS. WOLFE! I MEAN, I'M SORRY I SOUNDED FRESH!
COME OVER?!! ER...SURE, I CAN COME OVER! NO, I HAVEN'T ANYTHING ELSE TO DO RIGHT NOW... I'LL BE OVER IN TEN OR FIFTEEN MINUTES!

WHO WAS THAT, DEAR?
HEDY'S MOTHER! SAID SHE HAD SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS WITH ME, BUT DIDN'T WANT TO ON THE PHONE! WONDER WHAT'S UP?
A SHORT TIME LATER...
SIT DOWN, MY DEAR! I'VE HEARD HEDY MENTION YOU SO OFTEN THAT I ASSUME YOU ARE MORE OR LESS ONE OF HER CLOSER FRIENDS!
LESS, TO BE EXACT!
HERE'S MY PROBLEM! AS YOU NO DOUBT KNOW, SATURDAY IS HEDY'S BIRTHDAY! USUALLY WE HAVE A FAMILY PARTY, BUT THIS YEAR I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE NICE TO LET HER HAVE A GATHERING OF HER OWN FRIENDS!
I'D LIKE TO MAKE IT A SURPRISE PARTY! HOWEVER, I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HER FRIENDS, AND THAT'S WHERE I THOUGHT YOU COULD HELP ME!
OH, SURE... I'D BE GLAD TO!
I HAVE A STILL BETTER IDEA! I'LL LET YOU RUN THE WHOLE SHOW... I'M SURE YOU CAN PLAN A MUCH MORE SUCCESSFUL TEEN-AGE AFFAIR THAN I CAN! I'LL GIVE YOU A CHECK, AND YOU CAN ORDER ANYTHING YOU THINK APPROPRIATE IN THE WAY OF DECORATIONS AND REFRESHMENTS!
GOLLY! FIFTY DOLLARS! THIS IS A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY!
TUT, TUT! YOU SEEM VERY CAPABLE OF HANDLING IT... I THINK I CAN TRUST YOU!
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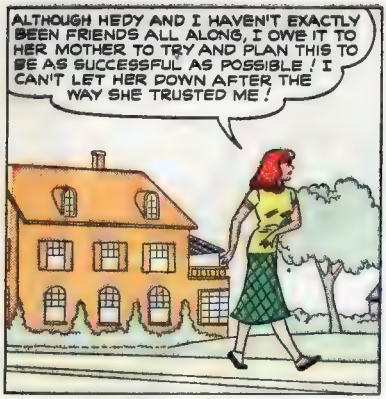
ALTHOUGH HEDY AND I HAVEN'T EXACTLY BEEN FRIENDS ALL ALONG, I OWE IT TO HER MOTHER TO TRY AND PLAN THIS TO BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS POSSIBLE! I CAN'T LET HER DOWN AFTER THE WAY SHE TRUSTED ME!

LATER...
...AND THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY, KIDS!

WOWIE! WHAT A SWELL PARTY THIS IS GOING TO BE!
YOU SAID IT! WITH FIFTY BUCKS TO SPEND... HOW CAN IT MISS!

PLEASE, NOT SO LOUD! WE DON'T WANT A CERTAIN YOUNG LADY TO KNOW ABOUT THIS JUST YET!
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OH, YEAH! EVERYTHING WOULD BE RUINED IF HEDY GOT WIND OF THIS...WE'VE GOT TO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT THAT!
YES, AND WE MUST BE SURE THAT EVERYONE WE INVITE IS CAUTIONED ABOUT HEDY!

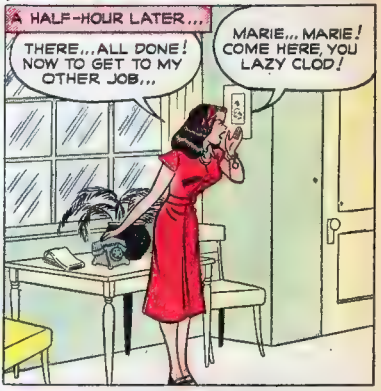
WHY, THE SCHEMING SO-AND-SO'S! PLANNING A BIG PARTY AND PLOTTING TO LEAVE ME OUT! OF ALL THE LOWDOWN TRICKS ENGINEERED BY PATSY, THIS IS ROCK BOTTOM!
5

WELL, THEY WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS... THEY'LL SOON FIND OUT WHAT LI'L OL' HEDY CAN DO WHEN SHE'S REALLY MAD! IF I DON'T HAVE A PARTY, NEITHER WILL THEY!
LYRIC
1¢
WELL, I'VE GOT TO GET GOING NOW... THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS TO BUY AND PREPARE!
I'LL GO WITH YOU AND HELP, PAT!
DRUGS
SODA
LYRIC
HA! HA! I CAN JUST PICTURE HEDY'S FACE WHEN SHE FINDS OUT ABOUT THIS!
OH, BOY! WILL SHE BE SURPRISED!
NOT HALF AS MUCH AS YOU GLOATING FOOLS WILL BE WHEN I GET THROUGH WITH YOU! HEH! HEH!
ALL RIGHT, PATSY! I'LL SEND ALL THE SANDWICHES AND STUFF OUT TO THE ADDRESS YOU GAVE ME!
FINE! AND DON'T FORGET IT MUST BE THERE EARLY SATURDAY!
I'LL JUST WRITE DOWN THIS FIRST STOP-- SCHULTZ'S DELICATESSEN!
NOW LET'S ORDER THE PASTRIES!
APPETIZERS
ORDERS PROMPTLY DELIVERED
4

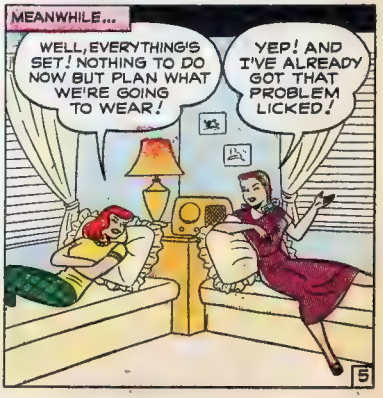
WELL, I'VE GOT ALL THE STORES SHE WENT TO LISTED! PATSY'S REALLY THROWING... I MEAN SHE THINKS SHE'S THROWING... QUITE A SHINDIG! I MUST GET HOME NOW... I'VE GOT LOTS OF PHONE CALLS TO MAKE!
DRY
GIFT

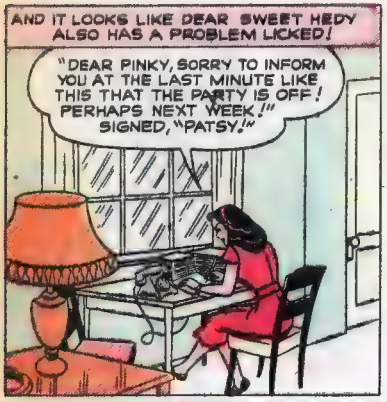
(AHEM!) HELLO, MR. SCHULTZ? THIS IS PATSY AGAIN! I MADE A MISTAKE ON THAT ADDRESS I GAVE YOU... THERE SHOULD BE ANOTHER ZERO ON THE HOUSE NUMBER! OKAY? THANK YOU! 'BYE!

HA-HA-HA! WORKED LIKE A CHARM! NOW TO CALL THE PASTRY SHOP AND GIVE THEM THE SAME STORY! THEN I'LL CALL THE BAND SHE HIRED, AND ALL THE OTHERS, TOO! WOW, WHAT A "PARTY" THERE WILL BE AT THIS NEW ADDRESS... HA-HA-HA!


A HALF-HOUR LATER...
THERE... ALL DONE! NOW TO GET TO MY OTHER JOB...
MARIE... MARIE! COME HERE, YOU LAZY CLOD!

GET ME ABOUT 50 SHEETS OF STATIONERY, ENVELOPES, AND SOME THREE-CENT STAMPS! AND MAKE IT SNAPPY!
YES'M! I BELIEVE I CAN FIND THEM IN THE MASTER'S LIBRARY!


MEANWHILE...
WELL, EVERYTHING'S SET! NOTHING TO DO NOW BUT PLAN WHAT WE'RE GOING TO WEAR!
YEP! AND I'VE ALREADY GOT THAT PROBLEM LICKED!


AND IT LOOKS LIKE DEAR SWEET HEDY ALSO HAS A PROBLEM LICKED!
"DEAR PINKY, SORRY TO INFORM YOU AT THE LAST MINUTE LIKE THIS THAT THE PARTY IS OFF! PERHAPS NEXT WEEK!" SIGNED, "PATSY."

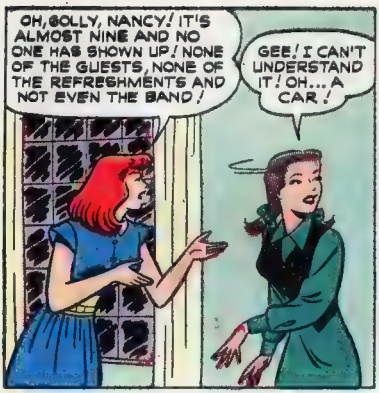
HA! HA! IF I MAIL THESE TODAY, ALL THE KIDS SHOULD GET THEM IN SATURDAY AFTERNOON'S MAIL! THERE WON'T BE TIME THEN FOR PATSY TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT EVEN IF SHE FINDS OUT!

COMES SATURDAY...
HELLO, PATSY? YES, THIS IS MRS. WOLFE! I'M GOING TO MAKE UP AN EXCUSE FOR HEDY TO DRIVE ME OUT OF TOWN... TO VISIT A RELATIVE PERHAPS! I'LL BRING HER BACK AT NINE! EVERYTHING SHOULD BE GOING STRONG BY THEN! AS SOON AS WE COME UP THE DRIVEWAY, DOUSE THE LIGHTS AND HIDE! FINE! GOOD-BYE, MY DEAR!

BUT, MOTHER, CAN'T OUR CHAUFFEUR DRIVE YOU OUT TO SEE AUNT HARRIET?
NO! I GAVE HIM THE DAY OFF! PLEASE, DEAR, DO THIS FAVOR FOR ME!

SHE SUSPECTS NOTHING!
HMMPH! NOW I WON'T HAVE THE FUN OF DROPPING OVER TO PATSY'S TO GLOAT OVER HER BIG PARTY SUCCESS!

LATER...
MARIE, ARE YOU SURE NONE OF THE DELIVERIES HAVE BEEN MADE?
YES'M! I CALLED THE DELICATESSEN, AND ALL THE OTHERS, AND THEY ALL SAID THEY'VE SENT OUT THEIR DELIVERIES!


OH, GOLLY, NANCY! IT'S ALMOST NINE AND NO ONE HAS SHOWN UP! NONE OF THE GUESTS, NONE OF THE REFRESHMENTS AND NOT EVEN THE BAND!
GEE! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! OH... A CAR!

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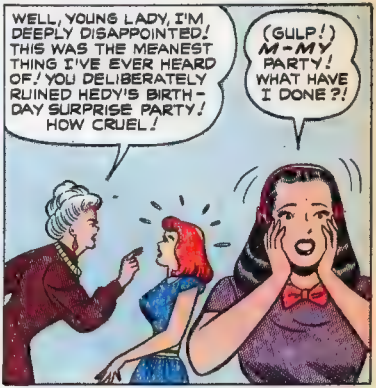
SURPRISE! SURPRISE! ♫ HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, DEAR HEDY! ♫ HEH! HEH! ♫


WELL, YOUNG LADY, I'M DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED! THIS WAS THE MEANEST THING I'VE EVER HEARD OF! YOU DELIBERATELY RUINED HEDY'S BIRTH-DAY SURPRISE PARTY! HOW CRUEL!
(GULP!) M-MY PARTY! WHAT HAVE I DONE?!

OH, MOTHER! (SOB, SOB!) I CAN EXPLAIN IT ALL! AND IT'S MY FAULT! I DON'T DESERVE ANYTHING BETTER! (SOB, SOB!)
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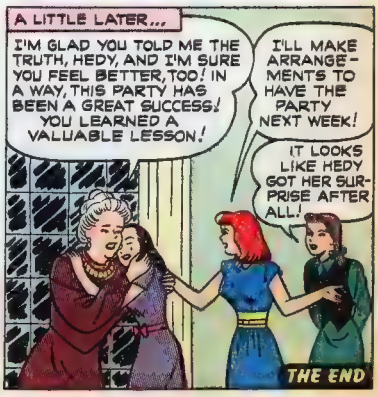
A LITTLE LATER...
I'M GLAD YOU TOLD ME THE TRUTH, HEDY, AND I'M SURE YOU FEEL BETTER, TOO! IN A WAY, THIS PARTY HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS! YOU LEARNED A VALUABLE LESSON!
I'LL MAKE ARRANGE-MENTS TO HAVE THE PARTY NEXT WEEK!
IT LOOKS LIKE HEDY GOT HER SUR-PRISE AFTER ALL!
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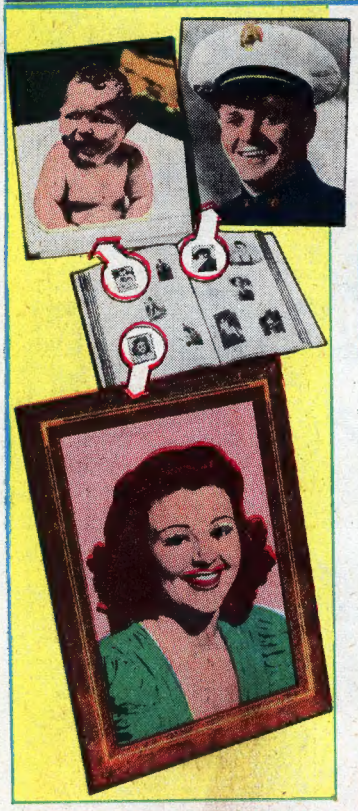

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